UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of Louisiana

Governor
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Payroll Association and its 22,000 members have launched a nationwide public awareness campaign that pays tribute to the more than 140 million people who work in the United States and the payroll professionals who support the American system by paying wages, reporting workers' earnings and withholding federal employment taxes; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals in Louisiana play a key role in maintaining the economic health of Louisiana, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement, and carrying out tax withholding, reporting, and depositing; and

WHEREAS, payroll departments collectively spend more than $15 billion annually complying with myriad federal and state wage and tax laws; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals play an increasingly important role ensuring the economic security of American families by helping to identify non-custodial parents and making sure they comply with their child support mandates; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in educating both the business community and the public at large about the payroll tax withholding systems; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals meet regularly with federal and state tax officials to discuss both improving compliance with government procedures and how compliance can be achieved at less cost to both governments and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the week in which Labor Day falls to be

NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK

and I hereby give additional support to the efforts of the people who work in Louisiana and the payroll profession by proclaiming the first full week of September Payroll Week

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this the _____ 22nd _____ day of _____ August _____ A.D., _____ 2005 _____.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana

Attest By
The Governor

Secretary of State